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Subject: OPSB Special Meeting - 24 Feb 2022

Two motions:

MOTION (El-Chantiry)

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****Motion received and carried**

MOTION (Leiper)

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OPSB
THURSDAY 24 FEBRUARY 2022, 9:00 AM

CHAIR'S REPORT

- We are still in an emergency and need more time to develop a plan to end it for good
- I have reached out to McKenney, Fleury, King, & Leiper to discuss what they would like to see
- Speaks to the public delegations who signed up for the cancelled meeting... says we wouldn't have had the necessary material to answer questions
- Reassures public saying that there will be an inquiry

UPDATE ON OPERATION TO REMOVE UNLAWFUL PROTESTS

- Ferguson debriefs on day-by-day operations (i.e. Day 01, XYZ happened; Day 02, XYZ happened)
- Day 02: ARWEN deployed
- Day 03: Securing area (eg. Fencing) and maintaining control
 - o Direct contact w/ BIAs and residents
- Since Feb 21, OPS responded to 2,100 calls for service related to protests
 - o Many calls were fake; intended to jam up comms
 - o 191 arrests
 - o 122 individuals charged
 - o Total charges: 393
 - o 4,250 Bylaw tickets
 - o 407 ongoing criminal investigations (will take months to process)
- Upcoming weekend:
 - o Maintain strong presence in DT core
 - o Presence will remain as long as required
 - o Potential road and bridge closures, check points, fencing, barricades
 - o Secure area currently: Bronson to Queen Elizabeth, Laurier to Wellington
- Financial update:
 - o As of Feb 22, just over \$31M in cumulative policing costs, expected to rise
 - o Will seek compensation from Federal government
- Pending discussions w/ Board
 - o Post Demo reviews and inquiries
 - o Budget impacts
 - o Efficiency targets
 - o OPSB Strategic Plan
 - o Strategic projects committed in Budget 2022

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QUESTIONS:

Leiper: what authorities are no longer available now that the Emergencies Act has been rescinded? Do you still have the power to arrest people who show up to protest?

Bell: we're comfortable w/ our ability to continue to manage the situation going into the weekend. We can't restrict pedestrians unless they commit an offence. As for vehicular traffic, we have provisions under the HTA to restrict traffic. Commitments from OPP, RCMP, and other jurisdictions to offer support and resources until the Demos are done.

Leiper: asks about the ARWEN. What is that?

Acting DC Paul Burnett: extended range non-lethal weapon that shoots a projectile.

Nirman: how long do you think it would take to acquire reimbursement from the Fed and Prov Govs?

Dunker: we have a good history w/ the Fed Gov to cover costs (eg: Canada Day and Canada 150 events). We are optimistic. Invoices come in daily and we continue to verify these.

Johnson: the BIPOC and LGBTQ2+ think there is a double-standard policing. Do you have any comments?

Bell: we talk often about the traumatic effect the Demos had. We are committed to community healing. We need work hard w/ these communities to repair trust.

Valiquet: asks about the deployment of a Mounted Unit

Bell: we need to conduct a cost-benefit analysis of having a Mounted Unit of our own – it is very expensive. Toronto Police provided those resources.

Swaita: are there currently other Demos throughout Canada?

Bell: yes

Hubley: why wasn't the 1,800 officer resources request asked for earlier?

Bell: this will be answered as part of the review.

Hubley: will the conduct of the Board during the occupation will be reviewed and reflected in the post-Demos report?

Eli: we're still looking at determined the terms of reference for the report.

Curry: much of the news I received was through Twitter. Was there a governance review conducted in 2020, which includes the reporting policies?

Ferraro: every 4 years or so the OPSB does an evaluation w/ an external consultant to improve best practices, etc.

Kavanagh: asks same questions as B.Johnson RE: BIPOC communities lack of trust and feeling of double-standard

(answer already above – OPS is committed to engage w/ all communities)

Kavanagh: asks hypothetical question about future protests at Parliament Hill – references potential protests about the situation in Ukraine.

Bell: yes, we will allow future lawful protests.

McKenney:

- the effect on Centretown residents – says we can't supplant public delegations w/ community meetings w/ OPS – there is trauma that needs to be addressed, specifically by OPH.
- Some OPP and other municipal officers have been identified as donors to the Demos – will the review take into account officers that donated?

Bell: there have been investigations in OPS and other services regarding donations and other conduct. This will also be part of the report.

King:

- what are the resources committed to continue investigations, arrests, maintaining order, etc.
- my office continues to receive reports of harassment and minor actions from suspected protestors. What is being done to protect schools and other residential areas?

Ferguson: there are specific skillsets needed to capture evidence and investigate unique crimes (eg. Cybercrime) – OPP and RCMP will provide investigators and other resources.

Bell: encourage public to report these incidents to the police. This will allow for proactive policing in these vulnerable areas.

Brockington:

- are any MPPs being investigated in supporting the Demos and encouraging criminal behaviour (eg. Telling people to jam up police lines)?
- References two people of his household who had medical emergencies and could not get through to 911.
- There are increasing overnight crime sprees in my Ward. Concerned about the lack of presence of NRTs.
- Is it up to the OPS or City to ask for reimbursement for incurred costs due to Demos?

Bell: can't talk about specific related to ongoing investigations. There is a level of cooperation between OPS and City that will continue – we will work together to ensure costs are covered.

Menard: says he is disappointed in the Board to not allow the public to speak at this meeting. How many people signed up for the Monday OPSB meeting?

Ferraro: asks Hannah (OPSB Assistant) to email that out.

Eli: we didn't have a solidified agenda for Monday's meeting. People will have the opportunity to speak at a future meeting.

Menard:

- found the reasons to ban the public is not adequate. Says that Eli has experience w/ OPSB. Eli's motion should be considered in depth and should consult w/ public about it.
- Lack of enforcement early on in the Demos. Was their direction from the Executive Team to enforce basic laws in the initial days?
- Encourages board to work with Ontario Civilian Police Commission.

Bell: all of these components will be covered in the review and report.

Egli: question about the review – how did trucks get into the Core in the first place? Why was there no roadblocks? Doesn't expect an answer now, but wants it covered in the review.

Bell: absolutely confirm that your question will be a big part of the review.

Kitts: there was a sharp shift in the OPS communicated thru social media near the end of the Demos. Any plans to leverage comms expertise going forward b/c it was very helpful?

Bell: simple answer = yes. We actively embedded comms experts in the command team to improve public perception and to ensure important info was being relayed.

Leiper:

- Asks the terms of reference of the review include systemic issues (eg. Racism) affected their response to the recent Demos, in comparison to past demonstrations (implying about the BLM march)

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